

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, April 15, 2013, 4:30 PM  
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips

Alderman John Clark

Alderman Valerie Joh

Alderman Mike McIntire

Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 3:05 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.
3. **AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE.** Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt pointed out this would be the last presentation before the facility would be open. He further noted Mr. Frank Brewer has been a valuable asset to the site and his knowledge and skills are greatly appreciated. Mr. Brewer then gave a report on the progress over the last month, answering questions from the board. Mr. McCartt also provided details for current marketing strategies.
4. **FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS UPDATE.** Mr. Kermit Addington discussed the efforts of this organization to reduce homelessness in the community, highlighting the history, goals and upcoming events. He noted there were currently 53 people being supported at this time.
5. **EARTH DAY.** Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds provided details on this event which is scheduled for April 20 at PetSmart. He also gave information on a new educational opportunity, stating a new app for smartphone devices will have check-in stations along the greenbelt where people will be able to scan an outfall and get water information. Also, a new character "Stormy" the water drop will visit schools to educate kids on the value of water.
6. **POLICE CHIEF SELECTION PROCESS.** City Manager Campbell gave details on the assessment center process. He noted the interview panel would consist of active and former chiefs who would assess the candidates on individual and group dynamics as well as office abilities. The goal is to be as thorough as possible through comprehensive interviews.

**NOTE:** Work session tickler items were addressed at this time. City Manager Campbell provided details on the process of fixing potholes on state roads. City Attorney Billingsley commented on an address on Afton Street that had been cited for code violations, noting the violation had been rectified. He also gave a status update on the clinic for employees, pointing out it will open in June. There was considerable discussion on some recent workers compensation claims and the board members agreed that this issue should be addressed.

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Mr. Campbell also gave details on the budget update listed in the tickler. Regarding the carousel project location, the BMA agreed that if no deal has been made with Food City by the second business meeting in May, then staff will proceed with an alternate site.

**7. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE APRIL 16, 2013 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included: *(Note: Item VI.D.1 was addressed first and the regular agenda followed in order thereafter.)*

**VI.AA.2 Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Article IV, Signs, Section 114-569(13) for the City of Kingsport** (AF: 86-2013). City Planner Forrest Koder gave a presentation on this item, describing the seven types of signage and their purpose in an effort to create a cohesive package. Mayor Phillips was concerned this would be a problem for developers; however Assistant City Manager for Development Jeff Fleming replied staff had met with Stuart Taylor to compromise and reach a reasonable solution. Mr. Koder commented there would be more signage allowed than in any other district.

**VI.AA.4 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Shadyside Drive Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services** (AF: 88-2013). City Planner Ken Weems presented details on this item, noting it was a portion of the Colonial Acres subdivision and was partially owner requested.

**VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement Between the City of Kingsport and the Preston Forest Community Association** (AF: 94-2013). Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt presented details on this item, pointing out the park was a strong piece of the community and the city as a whole. He stated the PFCA wanted to transfer the park to the city for use by all residents. He presented pictures of the property and Ms. Denise Hendon provided further details on the possible use. Mayor Phillips noted the city would also be accepting the responsibility to keep it up. Alderman Shupe commented the city should make sure there aren't other parks that also need attention.

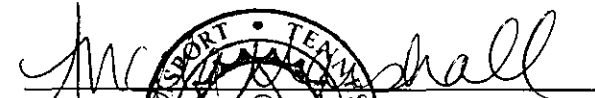
**VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with CDM Smith for Design of Raw Water Transmission and Intake Improvements and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents** (AF: 95-2013). Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave details on this item stating the geo-technical component provided a very accurate idea of soil conditions.


**BOARD COMMENT.** Alderman Joh commented on the number of children taken into the city schools as a result of annexation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Ms. Jeannie Bourne commented on the sign restrictions.

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8. **ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

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DENNIS R. PHILLIPS  
Mayor